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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-32-86

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL DSS ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: ICPC SOCIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE CHILD AND FAMILY-OUTLINE

REFERENCE: CAC 30853 ET SEQ. AND DSS MANUAL SECTION 30-366.81

The Interstate Placement Bureau is receiving an increasing number of complaints from other Compact states. These complaints center around the amount of information provided those states by California agencies utilizing the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC).

A copy of the latest revision of the form ICPC 101, Social Assessment of the Child and Family - Outline, approved by the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children is attached. Following this outline should help assure that all pertinent information about the child and the family is included in the child study

Additional copies of form ICPC 101 are available from the SDSS Warehouse following the usual ordering procedures.

If there are any questions about this please contact your ICPC consultant in the Interstate Placement Bureau at the above address and telephone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Loren D. Siler", is written over the typed name.

LOREN D. SILER
Deputy Director
Adult and Family Services Division

cc: CWDA

Attachment

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

SOCIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE CHILD AND FAMILY — OUTLINE

Please review the existing case material on each child to ensure that the information listed below accompanies the ICPC-100A.

An addendum to the current social assessment must be provided addressing those areas not covered in the available case material.

If there is no social assessment available on the referred child and family, please prepare one which contains all of the information listed below.

I. CURRENT SITUATION

- Circumstances precipitating out-of-state placement.
- Location of child and length of time there.
- Situation and location of parents.
- Situation and location of siblings, if any.
- Description of out-of-state placement resource, if known, or type of placement resource being sought.
- Child's attitude toward placement.
- Parents' attitude toward placement.

II. CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF CHILD

- Physical appearance: height, weight, hair color, eye color, skin color, distinctive marks.
- Current adjustment: behavioral, emotional, social skills.
- Relationship/interactions with parents, caregivers, siblings, peers.
- Health: diagnosis, treatment, prognosis.
- Special needs, if any.
- Education: grade, achievement, classroom behavior, relationship to teachers and classmates, extra curricular activities.
- Significant others in the child's life.

III. ASSESSMENT OF PARENT(S) AND FAMILY

- Physical description of parent(s) (appropriate for adoption).
- Current functioning: education, employment, financial, parental, and social.
- Relationship/interactions with spouse, children, other significant family members.
- Health: physical and mental: diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis.
- Current and anticipated involvement with child.

IV. BRIEF HISTORY OF CHILD AND FAMILY

- Composition of the family, including birth order of siblings.
- Parent(s) history: marriage(s), divorce(s), separation(s), death(s), employment, education, functioning within family group.
- Health: major illnesses, hospitalizations, at what age, duration, treatment, hereditary conditions.
- Child's developmental functioning: problems, lags, fixations, regressions.
- Placement history, if any, including circumstances leading to *initial* request for placement.
- Involvement of relatives and/or significant others.

V. PERMANENCY PLANNING

- Permanent plan for the child.
- Other options available for the child.
- Anticipated duration of the proposed placement.
- Relationship of proposed placement to the permanent plan.

Please include with the case material the appropriate items listed below.

- Medical records.
- Psychological evaluations/reports.
- School reports/educational records.
- Earlier social summary/progress reports.
- Legal court orders.
- Birth certificate or record of birth.
- Photograph of child.